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1. WE ASSUME MAINICHI ARTICLE REFERS TO SEPT. 30 DOD PRESS
BRIEFING, RELEVANT PORTION OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THE MIG-25 ANALYSIS

AND THE FINDINGS OF THE ANALYSIS?

ANSWER: NO, I REALLY DON'T. ON THE WHOLE OUR CURRENT
ESTIMATE ON THE MIG-25 IS ITS VERY CAPABLE HIGH
ALTITUDE INTERCEPTION. THAT HAS BEEN OUR ASSESSMENT AND
REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED AT THE TIME.

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QUESTION: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOME INDIVIDUAL
COME DOWN TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS AND GIVE US AN
ASSESSMENT OF THE M-25?

ANSWER: I THINK THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE, I COULD CAVEAT
THAT WITH THIS AND THAT IS THAT RIGHTNOW OUR INFORMATION
REMAINS FRAGMENTARY; THAT IT WILL TAKE AWHILE FOR US TO
DO AN ANALYSIS THAT MIGHT CHANGE THAT ASSESSMENT.

QUESTION: I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT WE HAVE A SITUATION RIGHT
NOW WHERE THE INFORMATION IS BEING GIVEN OUT PIECE MEAL
BY THE JAPANESE DEFENSE MINISTRY THERE. I APPRECIATE
THE DELICACY OF IT ALL, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME AT SOME
POINT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR US TO HAVE AN UPDATE AS
TO WHAT WE THINK.

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING AND I SAY, TO
THE DEGREE THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT, I'LL BE
GLAD TO LOOK INTO THAT. KISSINGER

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